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M/015/026

March 8, 1993

TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Acting Director

THRU: Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor DWB

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist HWS

RE: Total Permit and Surety Release, Energy Fuels Nuclear, Inc., Straight Creek, M/017/018; Hillside Complex, M/037/015; Sahara, M/015/026; and Standard II, S/037/011; Garfield, San Juan and Emery Counties, Utah

I recommend permit and surety release for the following sites:

## Straight Creek, M/017/018

The Straight Creek site was reclaimed in November of 1987. I inspected the site this past November, 1992. The site is located on BLM property. A letter from the Henry Mountain Resource Area, BLM, dated February 27, 1992, indicates that "Energy Fuels did an outstanding job" reclaiming the site. The bond amount is \$1,050.

## Hillside Complex, M/037/015

The Hillside Complex is composed of four mine sites: The Hillside, Maybe, Gizmo and Bears Ears. These sites were all reclaimed in November of 1988. I inspected the site in September of 1991. I found that the Hillside portal had been breached by an unknown party and the Gizmo had suffered erosion damage. I inspected the site again last November, 1992. The portal had been sealed up. The San Juan Resource Area, BLM has also evaluated this site and indicated in a letter dated October 15, 1992, that they thought the reclamation was satisfactory and concurred with the Division's recommendation for bond release. The bond amount is \$2,460.

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Sahara, M/015/026

The Sahara mine was reclaimed September of 1991. I inspected the site last November, 1992. I found the site qualified for complete release. I am making this recommendation even though the normal waiting period for revegetation success (3 years) has not transpired. The site was sparsely vegetated initially due to the dry desert environment in which it is situated. The San Rafael District, BLM, sent the Division a letter dated December 16, 1992, concurring with my recommendation for release. The surety bond on this site is \$35,923.

Standard II, S/037/011

Reclamation was completed at the Standard II during the fall of 1991. the first stage of reclamation was initiated by Atlas Minerals in 1982. My last inspection was conducted November 1992. That inspection supported the operator's request for complete release. DOGM holds no bond for this site; however, State Lands and Forestry does hold a \$25,000 bond. No concurrence from State Lands and Forestry yet exists for releasing the site.

If management concurs with these recommendations, I will draft a letter to Energy Fuels, Inc. indicating that the Division has released these sites. The individual sureties will be attached to the letter.

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TO: Jerry Mansfield, Land Specialist, State Lands & Forestry

FROM: **Holland Shepherd**, Senior Reclamation Specialist, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining *HHS*

RE: Permit Release for the Standard II Mine, Energy Fuels Nuclear, Inc., S/037/011, San Juan County, Utah

I am recommending reclamation release for the Standard II mine, operated by Energy Fuels Nuclear, Inc. The operator completed reclamation of the site during the fall of 1991. The site is located on State property, SE 1/4, Section 2, T30S, R24E. The State Lease number is ML 23489. According to our records, State Lands and Forestry holds a \$25,000 bond on the site.

My last inspection of the site was conducted in November, 1992. Based on that inspection, I am recommending release. If you need to inspect the site prior to bond release, we might get together on an inspection this spring. I may be conducting another field trip to San Juan County in early May, 1993.

DOGM will need a letter of concurrence from State Lands and Forestry prior to our official release of the property.

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